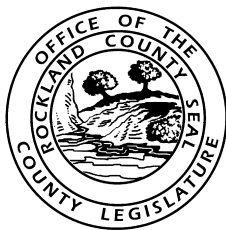


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### **Statement By Rockland County Legislator Harriet Cornell On Congresswoman Nita Lowey's Retirement Announcement**

**New City, NY (Oct. 10, 2019)**

"I first met Nita Lowey when she worked for Governor Mario Cuomo on women's issues, and I was active in Democratic politics. We've been friends ever since.

While I was chair of the Rockland County Legislature, from 2005 through 2013, Nita would regularly reach out to me to ask how she could best help our county and its towns and villages. She made it a priority to visit Rockland frequently, to hold meetings, to meet with constituents and to attend local events. As a member of Congress, she had the desire and ability to work across the aisle with Republicans to get things accomplished - not only for her Congressional District, but for the nation.

Most recently, Nita asked me to join her at a press conference she was holding on the banks of the Hudson River at Bowline Park in the town of Haverstraw to call attention to the cuts that were being made by the Trump administration in funding for the EPA, specifically for the Land and Water Conservation Fund, which is so important to communities all across the United States. Attending were representatives of Scenic Hudson, Riverkeeper, Sierra Club and Environmental Advocates of New York.

To learn that Congresswoman Lowey – Nita - will not seek re-election causes me sadness on the one hand, to lose such a great advocate; but on the other hand, I feel grateful for the years of dedicated service she has given us and I thank her from the bottom of my heart for her advocacy, her sunny disposition, her ability to move mountains, and her friendship. Our community and our country have been well-served by Congresswoman Nita Lowey."